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SUBJECT: REACTION FULBRIGHT DEFEAT

1. MAJOR PAPERS CARRY STORY OF ARKANSAS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENT) HAS STORY FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BENT ALBRECHTSEN, ATTRIBUTING FULBRIGHT DEFEAT TO HIS AGE PRIMARILY. POLITIKEN (RADICAL INDEPENDENT) STORY FROM BORGE VISBY IN WASHINGTON SAYS WATERGATE HAS TAINTED ALL POLITICIANS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT IS CAUSE OF BUMPERS VICTORY.

2. ONLY COMMENT IS BERLINGSKE TIDENDE EDITORIAL. EXCERPTS FOLLOW. QUOTE: IT MAY SEEM SOMEWHAT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT DEMOCRATIC VOTERS SHOULD REJECT FULBRIGHT, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT IS INTERPRETED AS SPONTANEOUS VOTERS' REACTION TO WATERGATE AFFAIR. IF U.S. VOTERS ARE USING POWER OF THEIR BALLOT THIS YEAR TO CLEAN OUT "RASCALS IN WASHINGTON", SENATOR FULBRIGHT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAVE BEEN HIT, FOR IF THERE EVER WERE A GENTLEMEN IN U.S. POLITICS, HE WAS IT. HIS PATCH HAS BEEN CLEAN IN ALL RESPECTS. HIS WORK IN SENATE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE AND CRITICAL AT SAME TIME. DURING HIS TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HE HAS EXERTED SOBER AND FACTUAL INFLUENCE ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY... FULBRIGHT WILL LEAVE SENATE AS ONE OF MOST RESPECTED MEN IN OUR TIMES UNQUOTE MUNSING

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